CURES' Community Request to EPA Update

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Community Requests to EPA: Addressing Disproportionate Impacts in Communities.

Guiding Principles: Empathy, Communication, Responsiveness Provide EPA Assistance and/or Connect to Appropriate Contacts.

- Organization or Community Request for Assistance
- SPO-EJ-CDS
- R2 Divisions
- HQ Referral
- Other

Step 1: Clarity on Ask; Internal Coordination

Internal Tracking

Step 2: Analysis/Assessme nt- Timeline

- EJ Divisional Reps
- SMEs
- SPO-EJ-CDS

Internal Tracking

- Develop potential strategies as per EPA's authority
- TA, Referrals,
 Facilitate-Connect
 to Appropriate
 State/Local

Step 3: Finalize response/Next steps

Step 4: Communicate

- F/Up Meetings
- Referrals
- Next Steps

External



Community Asks of EPA





What Can EPA Do?

EPA does not have authorities over Subtitle D or the transport of municipal solid waste.

Assist with the development of the map and help to post it on the NYC.gov Environmental Justice site.

Facilitate connections with the appropriate state and local government entities (New York State Department of Conservation, NYC Department of Sanitation, NYC Senior EJ Advisor, NYSDEC's EJ Coordinator, etc.)

EPA Actions To-Date

Received transfer station site addresses from CURES and BetaNYC and evaluated the sites for potential water issues.

Used EJSCREEN to screen for Environmental Justice issues and disparities in the areas around the transfer station sites.

Setting up a meeting with solid waste and materials contact at NYS DEC (end of August).



Next Steps

EPA to coordinate: Explore NYSDEC-NYC-CURES map-EPA Region: mapping opportunities? state-wide map?

EPA to coordinate: Federal Railroad Administration (federal partners) and state partners-meeting.

Recommend for Sub D: EPA to look to establish minimum criteria for waste transfer stations.